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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/021,494	Applicant(s) DONALDSON ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: RCE, filed on 5/19/06.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 11-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mills et al, US# 2004/0048503 A1, in view of Dumas, US# 2002/0035574 A1.

As per claims 11 and 19, Mills et al. teaches "a name of a category associated with said removable memory" (see page 2, paragraph [0016]-[0019]) "with said main memory to said category associated with said removable memory" (see page 3, lines [0035]-[0038]) "in response thereto, automatically copying said application to said removable memory" (see page 4, paragraphs [0045]-[0046]). Mills et al. does not explicitly teach "choosing a category list . . . choosing an application name of said application from a category . . .". Dumas et al. teaches "choosing a category list . . . choosing an application name of said application from a category . . ." (see paragraph [0052], [0074], and [0099]). It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for one of ordinary skill in the art to have combined the teachings of Mills and Dumas, because using the steps of "choosing a category list . . . choosing an application name of said application from a category . . .", would have given those skilled in the art the

tools to segment, categorize, and process data associated with removable memories in systems such as a PDA. This gives users the advantage of effectively managing data removable memory environment. As per claim 12, Mills et al. teaches "removable memory is a SD (secure digital) card" (see page 5, paragraphs [0051]-[0052]).

As per claim 13, Mills et al. teaches "wherein said removable memory is a MMC (multi-media card)" (see page 6, paragraphs [0057] and [0078]).

As per claim 14, Mills et al. teaches "a compact flash (CF) card" (see page 4, paragraph [0044]).

As per claim 15, Mills et al. teaches "removing said application from said main memory" (see page 3, paragraphs [0035]-[0035]).

As per claim 16, Mills et al. teaches "displaying said category list on a display screen . . . a distinct visual attribute denoting external storage" (see page 10, paragraphs [0147]-[0149]).

As per claim 17, this claim is rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claim 1 and is similarly rejected including the following:

--Mills et al. teaches "an expansion memory detachably coupled to a bus . . . built-in memory . . ." (see page 5, lines [0048]-[0052] and page 6, paragraph [0079]).

As per claim 18, Mills et al. teaches "categories is a category this is associated with said expansion memory" (see page 5, paragraphs [0051]-[0052]).

As per claim 20, Mills et al. teaches "automatically removed from said built-in memory . . ." (see page 5, paragraphs [0054]-[0055]).

As per claim 21, Mills et al. teaches "wherein said application is represented as an icon on said display device . . . expansion memory" (see page 10, paragraphs [0156]-[0159]).

As per claims 22-28, these claims are rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 11-12 and 17-21 and are similarly rejected.

As per claims 29-32, these claims are rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 11-16 and are similarly rejected.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 11-32 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

With respect to applicant's arguments that "Applicants find no teaching or suggestion in Mills of the updating of a displayable category list . . . removable memory . . .", examiner maintains that Mills' teachings of a removable expansion card, clearly has data listed and the card itself has a name (i.e. identification of the card). The expansion card holds data in a systematic fashion thereby employing some type of list and corresponding names as implied in applicant's claim language. Further applicant indicates that Mills does have the ability to update a category list in illustrated in applicant's claim language. Examiner believes the Mills expansion card teachings include the changing (i.e. updating displayable category listing) of data in a removable memory environment as implied in applicant's claim language. In the instant case Mill's

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expansion card attaches to a displayable device and the content inside of the card is displayed when attach as demonstrated in applicant's claim language.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alford W. Kindred whose telephone number is 571-272-4037. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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